

# Hon Dr Megan Woods

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Micky Turner

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Dear Mickey

I refer to your email of 23 June 2021 to the Hon James Shaw, requesting information on electric vehicles (EVs) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request has been partially transferred to me as it more closely relates to my responsibilities as Minister of Energy and Resources.

As previously advised to you, the following questions fall under my Energy and Resources portfolio:

- 1. Details of the energy infrastructure the Government has put in place to provide energy for electric vehicles since October 2017?*
- 2. Details of any work underway on massive energy projects for the purpose of ensuring enough energy is available for electric vehicles.*
- 3. Detailed analysis of what the benefits of EV's are over H2 Hydrogen vehicles and petrol/diesel vehicles - including - environmental advantages/disadvantages (lithium mining, concrete & steel in windmills etc) - and what would happen to the country in the event of a large scale, long duration power blackout or natural disaster if personal vehicles and commercial trucks are electric only (i.e. difficulty moving supplies etc).*
- 4. Information on any plans to roll out a Hydrogen powered economy including proposed infrastructure.*

I am writing to notify you that I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request under the following sections of the Act:

- 15A(1)(b) consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We will now respond to your request on or before 2 August 2021, which is an extension of 7 working days.

You have the right to seek investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at:

[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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Warm regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Woods'.

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